

Year 1 - Newsletter

Welcome to the start of the Spring Term. We already have lots of exciting activities and lessons planned for the children. Please find below information about the term ahead.

Learning planned for this term:

English – We continue with our Ready, Steady, Write scheme and will be exploring the story books **Hermelin – The Detective Mouse** and **Where the Wild Things Are**. We will be developing our writing skills to write narratives, letters, poems and information texts.

Phonics – We have phonics every day following Read Write Inc. We teach children all the sounds that they need to read and write by teaching a sound a day. Children are grouped by ability across KS1 for phonics.

Storybook – Guided reading sessions take place every day and focus on one book a week. Children are taught in their phonics groups. They practice reading skills and answer comprehension questions about the book.

Maths – We follow White Rose Maths. This term we will be teaching **Place value to 50, Addition and subtraction to 20 length & height and mass & volume**. We will be learning lots of different ways to solve problems and learn new skills. Please practice counting and writing your numbers to 50. If your child is ready, you could challenge them to count to 100.

Science – In our **Animals and Humans** topic we will be learning to name and identify the basic parts of the human body, the different senses, understand how humans grow and change as they become older. We will look at different types of common animals and learn to classify animals according to their diet and understand the terms carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

Geography- We follow Cornerstones and this term our geography project is called **Bright Lights Big City**. We will be learning about the different countries in the UK, the features of London and what it is like to live in a capital city. You will be able to access knowledge organisers which tells you all about what we are learning in cornerstones on google classroom.

Art and DT- We follow Cornerstones and this term our design and technology project is called **Taxi**. This project teaches children about wheels, axles and chassis and how they work together to make a vehicle move. In Art our project is **Funny Faces**; this project teaches children about the concept of the portrait and how the collage technique can be used to create a portrait. You will be able to access knowledge organisers which tells you all about what we are learning in cornerstones on google classroom.

RE – This term Abbey Owl continues to help us with our learning in Jigsaw RE. Our focus this term will be on **Humanism** and **Christianity**.

PSHE – We follow Jigsaw and this term Jigsaw Jack helps us to explore our topics of **Dreams and Goals** and **Healthy Me**.

Computing – We follow Teach Computing in our Computing lessons. Our topics this term are **programming** and using **data and information**.

PE – We follow Real PE. Our topics this term are **gym** and **dance**.

Music – We follow Charanga to teach music skills. Our unit **In the Groove** explores the six different styles of; Blues, Baroque, Latin, Bhangra, Folk and Funk. The next unit includes the song **Round and Round**, written in a Bossa Nova Latin style.

Timetable

Maths, English and Phonics is taught every day in the mornings. In the afternoons we start with a Phonics storybook and then cover a range of different subjects including; Cornerstones (History/Geography/Art/D&T), PE, Handwriting, RE, Computing, Music, PSHE and Science.



OTHER INFORMATION in Year 1

Attendance

Please ensure that your child arrives at school.



The door will be open between 08:40 and 08:50. When your child is late they are missing out on valuable learning time.

Please also make sure that your child is collected on time each day.

Houses

Each child is in a house. They will collect house points each week for all sorts of amazing things. House points are counted on a Friday and the winning house is announced in assembly.

Willow / Ash / Chestnut / Birch / Maple / Elm

Uniform

We are very proud of the smart appearance of our children at Oak Green School and are keen that all children are proud to wear their school uniform.

Oak Green School-logo sweatshirt or cardigan

White shirt / blouse / polo-shirt

Grey pinafore dress / tunic

Grey skirt / culottes / trousers

Plain, grey or white socks and tights

(Dark) Green OGS fleece (outside wear)

Black school shoes only. NO trainers. NO boots indoors.

NO hooped earrings, 1 pair of plain studs allowed and must be covered for PE



Catch me cards

Each day the children work together to earn catch me cards for making good choices and following the golden values. These are counted at the end of the day and if they have got 35 they exchange them for a golden coin.

Drinks

Please ensure that your child brings in a named bottle of water to school for the classroom each day.



Handwriting

As a whole school, we follow the scheme Letterjoin. We practise our handwriting through three taught sessions a week. Children learn cursive (joined up) handwriting.



On google classroom you will be able to see how we are teaching the children to form their letters in our handwriting lessons.

Drop off in the morning

When dropping off your child in the morning please pass any messages onto the staff on the door, they will then pass these onto the class teacher. Please do try to stay behind the yellow line and encourage your child to walk into school from there.

Collection in the afternoon

When collecting your child in the afternoon please do not go past the yellow line. Your child's class will stand on the school side of the line and the class teacher will dismiss the children from here.

PE

Year 1 PE will be every **MONDAY & THURSDAY**.

Children **MUST** come to school on these days in their PE kit. Our school PE kit consists of:



- Oak Green (logo) or plain, white or black t-shirt
- Black shorts, leggings, jogging bottoms or tracksuit bottoms
- Black Oak Green logo 'hoodie' (NO other hoodies or logo-ed clothing).
- Oak Green fleece or sweatshirt or cardigan can also be worn as outside wear in colder weather.
- Stud earrings must be removed or covered.
- Children **MUST** have appropriate trainers or plimsolls.

Reading

Our reading books have been carefully chosen to engage children in reading as well as matching their reading ability. If books are lost or damaged there will be a small charge of £5 per book to cover the cost of replacing it. We hope that you love the books as much as we do.



Your child will get one reading book:

- RWI Book Bag Book – changed when your child's class teacher feels they are ready to. They could have a book for more than a week, this is to ensure that children have a good understanding of the sounds in each book.

Your child reads daily at school so please make sure they have their reading book every day. They will benefit more if heard regularly at home. New books and reading records will then be sent home on a Friday.

Please read with your child as often as possible and record it in their reading record. There are some top tips for reading at home at the back of Google Classrooms.

Our Values

Honesty: We tell the truth and expect others to do the same.	Respect: We show respect to everyone around us.	Friendship: We will be good friends to everyone in our community.	Kindness: We will be kind to everyone around us.	Trust: We will be trusted to make good choices.	Fairness: We treat everyone equally and expect all children to be treated fairly.
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Our Year 1 team is:

1A – Miss Jacob (Teacher) Monday – Wednesday

Mrs Sharp (Teacher) Wednesday- Friday

1B – Mrs Holt (Teacher)

1C – Mrs Lucas (Teacher)

Cover/PPA - Mrs Bateman (HLTA) and Mrs Khan (HLTA)

TAs – Mrs Afzal, Miss Palmer, Mrs Moussaoui, Mrs Basnayake, Miss Bennion, Miss Coates, Miss Moore and Mr Bowen

PE team – Miss Heggy and Ms Timberlake

KS1 Assistant Headteacher – Miss Ingram

Dates – Spring 1

Friday 6th February – Number Day

Date TBC – Local Area Walk

Monday 9th – Friday 13th February – Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February – HALF TERM

Dates – Spring 2

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Tuesday 3rd March – Parents evening

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March 2026 (Date TBC) - Whipsnade Zoo Trip

Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April – EASTER HOLIDAYS

Home Collaboration (GOOGLE CLASSROOM)

Login details are at the front of reading records

Below are some activities you can do at home

- Reading daily and record in home school book
- Numbots and Times Tables Rockstars
- RWI Phonics practice
- Additional reading on Oxford Owl
- Real PE at home and BURSTS
- Experience tasks
- Home collaboration activities

In addition, we have added the following documents to work on at home over the year to the year 2 class page on the school website and google classroom.

- Handwriting – letter formation guide
- KS1 Common Exception Words – spelling
- Times tables
- RWI phonics Overview

Phonics Screening Check

In June the children in Year 1 will be taking the Phonics Screening Check. This is a statutory test to check your child's phonics knowledge. Please continue to practice any phonics sounds or words sent home by your child's teacher to support your child with this learning.



We hope that your child enjoys this new chapter of their learning journey.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, queries or concerns. In the first instance please talk to your child's class teacher, after that please ask to speak to Miss Ingram KS1 Assistant Headteacher. We will be more than happy to answer any questions, queries or concerns.

Kind regards

Mrs Sharp & Miss Jacob (1A)

Mrs Holt (1B)

Mrs Lucas (1C)

Home learning websites and apps

Login details are stuck in your child's superstar reading record book. Please use these on a regular basis to support your child's progress.

Links can also be found on year 1's class page on Oak Green School's website

Write Rose 1-minute Maths

This is a free maths APP that you do not need a log in for. There are activities on numbers, addition, subtraction, multiplication (times tables) and division. This is a great fun.



Timetables Rock Stars:

This has been set up to match your child's timetable level and is great fun. There is a website or an app version that you can download for free.



Numbots:

This has been set up to match your child's maths ability. This is a game based on supporting your child develop their addition and subtraction knowledge. There is a website or an app version that you can download for free.



Oxford Owl:

This is a great website to support your child with their reading. There are options for children to be read to or to read themselves. It is packed with lots of books matched to your child's RWI phonics reading ability as well as books beyond their level for them to enjoy too.



PE:

This is where you will find a variety of physical activities that you can complete at home.

Phonics games at www.phonicsplay.co.uk

Oxford Owl RWI e:books at www.oxfordowl.co.uk

Maths games to be explored at www.topmarks.co.uk

